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Criticism over costly price tag of moving gallery a few hundred yards

ART GALLERY MOVE WILL COST £500,000

THEY say there's no money around...

The Focal Point Gallery is being moved from Southend Library a few hundred yards to the Forum, at a cost of £500,000.

The news comes in the same month as Southend Council announced £6.5 million pounds worth of cuts to public services and 60 redundancies.

Although the gallery funding is coming from an Arts Council grant, it will rattle with those set to lose their jobs.

The Focal Point's pricey move is into the new £27million library in Elmer Square, which opens in September.

A spokesman said the gallery will be 'transformed' by the move to the integrated municipal and academic public library, which is being funded and provided by Southend Council, the University of Essex and South Essex College.

But some have criticised the relocation as being too extravagant.

Local artist and exhibitor John Bulley is among those shocked at the amount of money involved.

He said: "Why is it costing that much?"

"There are art organisations in the town that get money thrown at them by the Arts Council and the average artists of the town are struggling.

"On top of the cuts from the council, redundancies, and the pier being closed for two days it just seems mad such a high investment is being made to a gallery that no one visits."

The new gallery will be custom built with top international artists commissioned to design the furniture and other permanent features.

Southend Council's executive member for culture and tourism, Councillor Derek Jarvis, dismissed criticism and said: "This is a tremendous chance to develop an innovative, beautiful and truly unique

gallery to be enjoyed by all in a state-of-the-art library building.

"There will be a project room for children to devise their own artwork, and the main gallery will have temperature and humidity control to enable really rare and fragile works of art to be displayed while allowing them to continue to be conserved and preserved."

Focal Point Gallery director, Andrew Hunt, who was one of the judging panel for the prestigious Turner Prize in 2012, described the move as a major opportunity to create a 'special artistic space in Southend'.

He added: "The grant has been awarded to us to provide a gallery of excellent standing, and the money will be used for the building, designed by architects Manolo and White, and for the artists' commissions for furniture and fittings."

Helen Lax, regional director of Arts Council East, said she was delighted that Southend Council had been successful in its application for small capital funding.

She explained: "This is great news for the new Focal Point Gallery with their soon to be updated working environment possessing state of the art facilities that will be able to accommodate additional exhibition space for artists commissions."

The new gallery will feature furniture and fittings made by Marc Camille Chaimowicz, a glass-topped reception table fashioned by Southend artist Tris Vonna-Michell, and another exhibit created by Mike Nelson, who represented the UK in the 2011 Venice Biennale.

More artwork is planned for permanent installation the back of the digital screen being displayed outside the Forum.

The first exhibition at the new Focal Point Gallery will display works by the current Turner Prize winner, Elizabeth Price.



CRITICISM: The Focal Point Gallery is to move a few hundred yards at a cost of £500,000.
 Picture by Mark Cleveland

House burglary

A BURGLARY occurred between 1.50pm and 3.50pm last Friday at a house in St Vincents Road, in Westcliff.

Thieves got into the house by smashing a glass panel beside the front door and then climbing through.

Among the items taken were jewellery including two silver bracelets, a silver necklace, a silver hairclasp and two gold pendants.

Tumble drier fire

FIREFIGHTERS were called to a house in Norwich Avenue, Southend, last Wednesday after a tumble drier caught light.

A 93 year-old woman was uninjured and left the house.

She was left in the care of the ambulance service as a precaution.

Neighbours managed to remove the clothes before the brigade arrived.

Tradesman fined

AN UNREGISTERED gas fitter has received a suspended prison sentence for illegally carrying out sub-standard gas work at a property in Southend.

Steven Arnold, 51, of Albion Drive, Hackney, installed a boiler, pipework and a new cooker at a property in Leigh.

Neither Arnold, nor the person he paid to help him carry out the work, were registered with Gas Safe Register.

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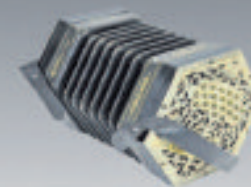
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The Comfy Saddle at Southend Central train station, in Clifftown Road, is a community enterprise, supported by Southend Council's cycle team.

Manned by volunteers, it provides route advice, general help in purchasing a bike and a paid for servicing centre.

Shop manager Richard Twomey - who already runs the Council-backed Re-Cycle Centre on Brunel Road, off Progress Road - said: "The maps are a great way of encouraging people to get out."

"They list the difficulty of the various rides and really show what's available in the local area for bike riders."

Comfy Saddle also aims to promote public transport that can be used as way of extending bike journeys - part of the reason for its location at the train station.

Richard explained: "We have advice on walking, trains and buses, and helping people with their personal travel planning."

For more information visit www.facebook.com/TheComfySaddle or call Richard on 07826 895974.



IN THE SADDLE: Richard Twomey, from the Re-Cycle Centre and Collette Kemp, member of the travel team, at the Comfy Saddle in Southend Central station.

Picture by Mark Cleveland

Recruitment drive sees number of ambulance volunteers double

A RECRUITMENT drive at Essex Ambulance Service has seen the number of volunteers more than double.

Managers promoting the ambulance service's community first responders said early indications show they received around 50 applications last week - up from an average of around 20 before the promotion started.

First responders are sent by ambulance control to life-threatening emergencies such as a cardiac arrest in their immediate vicinity. This is so they can get to an incident in the first few vital minutes and stabilise the patient, keeping them alive while an ambulance is on its way.

Lorna Hayes, regional community partnership lead for the East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust (EAST), said a 'Twitterthon' from the volunteering frontline arranged for last Wednesday grew so much that it carried on throughout the week and sparked national interest.

She explained: "I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank all those involved in ensuring the week was such an incredible success. It went way beyond expectations and that is all down to the volunteers and managers contributing blogs, tweets from the frontline and our Facebook webchat on Friday. We are now looking at making this an annual event. It has been a lot of hard work but so worth it, especially if it means more CFRs to save the lives of more patients."

Volunteers usually have access to a car and are aged over 18. A special section on the Trust website features regular information on the role, vital statistics and blogs.

Anyone wanting to become a CFR can call 01954 712400 (9am to 5pm) or 01603 481220 out of hours. They can also complete an online form or e-mail a request for information to responderadmin@east.amb.nhs.uk

Fire union backs police claims over ambulance response times

THE FIRE Brigades' Union has backed claims by Essex police officers that overstretched ambulance crews are unable to get to 999 emergencies in good time.

Keith Handscomb, East Anglia FBU, applauded the skills and commitment of paramedics.

But he claimed ambulance staff were telling fire crews things are 'seriously wrong' with the 999 response of the East England Ambulance Service.

He said: "The concerns of Essex police officers comes as no surprise to us."

"Fire crews tell us they and casualties are waiting longer and longer for the arrival of paramedics and ambulances."

"When a paramedic does arrive they are often in their own car and are

unable to take seriously injured casualties to hospital. Fire officers tell us of their desperate frustration at being told to wait in line when chasing up emergency requests for the attendance of an ambulance."

The union claimed that paramedics were afraid to speak out. They also claimed the ambulance service was using 'dubious ways to tick the boxes in trying to meet their performance targets whilst caring less and less about the standard of medical response they actually send to treat casualties'.

Anger has risen among both police and fire service union groups as the numbers of police officers and fire-fighters has been reduced by Government cuts.

Essex Police Federation, chairman,

Mark Smith, said his officers were having to transport injured patients to hospitals when no ambulances arrive.

He claimed he had informed senior police officers earlier this year.

"Our concern is we are not paramedics," he said. We are only trained in basic life support. What is happening at the moment is we are having to put people in our vehicles that are not kitted out for emergencies. I'm told by my members that this is happening every day.

"We are not pointing a finger at the paramedics and ambulance crews. The only thing that can stop this is the government cuts."

Mr Smith appealed for MPs in Essex to come forward and talk to him about the problem. He said that so far, none had.

The ambulance service did not dispute specific claims of police and fire crews, but did stress that plans were underway to improve response times.

A spokesman said: "We want to do everything possible as emergency services to help one another, and we take genuine delays seriously so would therefore urge concerned fire and police officers to contact us about specific case details so it can be properly investigated."

"One of the initiatives that we are discussing with the police is the option of us speaking directly with the officer on scene of an incident to ensure an accurate assessment and response."

The service also claimed that improvement measures would include 140 new frontline staff.

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FUN DAY: Members of St Nicholas Church and Castle Point Volunteer Service with the banner for the family fun day.
Picture by Mark Cleveland



Community to come together for family fun day

FAMILIES are invited to attend a fun day and information event this weekend.

They will find arts and crafts activities for children while parents and other visitors will get the opportunity to comment on how the Canvey Big Local £1million should be spent and even plot their ideas directly onto a giant map of the island.

The free community event, which is being organised by the Castle Point

Association of Voluntary Services (CAVS), will take place at St Nicholas Church, in Long Road, Canvey, between noon and 5pm on Saturday, February 9.

If you are unable to attend the family fun day, but would like more information about the Big Local or the Star People schemes please call 01268 638416 or alternatively log on to the CAVS website at www.castlepointavs.org.uk

Unique artwork to help mental health care

VISITORS in the corridors of Rochford Hospital will gaze skywards after a unique art work inspired by mental health care was unveiled.

South Essex College student artist Ruth Hazel, 32, from Leigh, approached the hospital last year asking if she could make a piece of work as part of her BA (Hons) Fine Art degree.

She took two months to create the scene from 30 metres of hand-dyed silk which have been stiffened and shaped to form abstract shapes.

Ruth explained: "The brief was to find our own site and produce a piece of work that was relevant to that site. I had an interest in mental health and psychiatry so I started to look at the history of the treatment of mental health in Essex.

"I found out about the large mental health hospitals such as Severalls, Warley and Runwell which are now closed. The history of those places is quite dark and depressing and in stark contrast to the mental health services offered at Rochford today."

The South Essex College student, now in the second year of her degree, wanted to show that the hospital is not about looking back, but about looking forward and seeing what is happening now.

The aim of the piece was to get rid of the stigma

that can be associated with mental health and psychiatry. Ruth explained how the subject was close to her heart. She added: "I have had my own issues in the past and had help as an outpatient.

"I found it to be a really positive experience. I wanted to reflect this outlook in my installation.

"For me, this positivity is reaffirmed when you see the new building at Rochford. There can be a little bit of fear in people when you say psychiatric hospital, but this does everything to dispel those fears. It's light, it's airy and inviting, and is staffed by kind, understanding people."

Chief executive, Dr Patrick Geoghegan OBE, said he felt 'completely engulfed in a cascade of colour that forms a great centrepiece' when he first saw the work.

"It has certainly got our patients, staff and visitors talking," he said.

"You really do feel a lift every time you walk under it and I thank Ruth for thinking of Rochford Hospital as a setting for the artwork and thank her for the time and dedication she has spent both creating and installing the artwork. It really does look incredible and would not look out of place in the Tate Modern."



TALENT: Artist Ruth Hazel and South Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust chief executive Dr Patrick Geoghegan OBE below the artwork in the main corridor at Rochford Hospital.

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Police public meeting

THE NEWLY elected Police and Crime Commissioner for Essex, Nick Alston, was due to hold public meeting in the Council Chamber at Southend Council today (Wednesday) from 4 pm to 6 pm.

New home for gallery

THE Estuary Gallery has moved from Leigh to Hadleigh.

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Kitchen fire

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Teen gets ASBO

A TEENAGER was issued with a three-year anti social behaviour order last Friday, banning him from areas of Southend and Rochford.

Joshua Garner, 17, from Rochford, was given the ASBO in a bid to curb his behaviour which has included threatening and abusing members of the emergency services.

He has also been banned from stepping foot in Roche Close in Rochford and Ruskin Avenue in Southend and racing or driving at excessive speed within the two boroughs.

Garner is also banned from entering a railway station or station car park unless he can prove that he intends to travel by producing a valid train ticket or similar travel pass.

ASBO support officer, Tina Davey, said: "Joshua Garner has repeatedly behaved in a criminal and anti-social way in Rochford and Southend. This order sets strong boundaries and we hope they will stop him from offending or he will face serious consequences."

The ASBO also bans Garner from touching or tampering with a bicycle or touching or getting into an unattended vehicle in both cases without the permission of the owner.

He is also banned from entering or trying to enter any private residential property or any building without consent.

ASBO: Joshua Garner.



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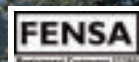
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1953 Canvey Island flood

By Paul Peterson

Canvey to remember flood 60 years on

SIXTY years ago this week 58 adults and children perished in the Canvey Island flood. The flood hit Canvey on the night of Saturday, January 31 1953 leaving death and destruction sweeping over the island through the early hours of Sunday, February 1 1953. Janet Penn, from the Canvey Community Archive, said: "People were going about their normal lives and nobody could have ever expected what would happen later that night." Residents will remember the flood victims and commemorate the 60th anniversary of the disaster with the unveiling of a new plaque at Canvey Library from 11am on Friday

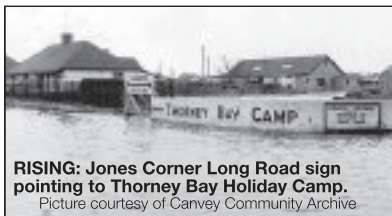
ISLANDERS woke to a cold, but fairly typical start to the weekend on the Saturday morning, although there was some excitement in the air with the War Memorial Hall in Canvey officially opening later that afternoon followed by a celebration dance the same evening.

The hall, which was built in memory of 57 local people killed in the Second World War, would ironically find itself in the midst of one of the country's worst ever peace time disasters.

The designer, the late Major Reg Stevens, recalled in his memoirs going to the official opening with his wife Pegs and the building contractor Harry Thompson and his wife.

He wrote: "As soon as possible Pegs and I with the Thompsons left the proceedings and set off for Southend. We went to the cinema - can't recall the film - but during the evening I began to get that heavy, aching feeling that signals the advent of a bout of flu."

The Major and his wife decided to head home and arrived back in Canvey at about 10pm where he dosed himself up with a whisky and hot lemon



RISING: Jones Corner Long Road sign pointing to Thorney Bay Holiday Camp.

Picture courtesy of Canvey Community Archive

and they went straight to bed.

He wrote: "Shortly after midnight there was a loud knocking at the front door. I made my way downstairs, opened the door to find the local police sergeant who had received phone calls from the Newlands area saying that water was lapping 'over' the sea wall."

The sea wall at Tewkes Creek broke in the early hours of Sunday, February 1 and the waters swept the creek and across the Newlands estate while residents slept in their beds.

Janet Penn, from the Canvey Community

Archive, explained: "They woke up to find water lapping around their mattresses. Some people got in their lofts or out onto their roofs to escape the flood, but many people were trapped and drowned in their homes."

The Canvey floods claimed the lives of people of all ages from the young to the elderly although many of the victims were not killed by drowning but died because of exposure.

The disaster led to the evacuation of more than 11,000 residents. Some people refused to leave their homes, but those who did leave did not return to the island for several weeks.

The small village around the Red Cow pub was the only part of the island to escape the flood waters. The pub was renamed the King Canute after the legendary Danish King of who commanded the tides and still stands today in defiance against the forces of nature.

The pub also stands as testament to the resilience of the people of Canvey who have never forgotten the flood victims but continue to live on the island and call it their home.



TRIBUTE: Prince Edward and the Countess of Wessex attended a service 10 years ago to mark the 50th anniversary.

Picture by Martin Dalton

Events to mark 60th anniversary

- Service at War Memorial Hall in the High Street from 7pm tomorrow (Thursday).
- Princess Royal attends service at Chelmsford Cathedral tomorrow (Thursday).
- New plaque unveiling outside Canvey Library at 11am on Friday.
- The Canvey Community Archive exhibition at the library on Friday.
- Exhibitions at Castle Point Transport Museum and Bay Museum on Friday.
- Service at St Nicholas Church, Long Road, from 3.30pm on Sunday.

RESCUE: PC Bill Pilgrim carrying a young girl to safety in Long Road.

Picture courtesy of Canvey Community Archive



The policeman who became a national hero

A HERO of the Canvey Floods was a local policeman who made the national news.

The photograph of PC Bill Pilgrim carrying a young girl to safety in Long Road was used on the front page of the Daily Mail and has become an iconic image of the disaster.

PC Pilgrim first joined the force in 1946 and was based at Hornchurch before moving with his

family to Canvey to live in one of the police houses on the island shortly after.

His son Bob, who was 13 years old at the time of the flood, said: "My father was the only PC on night duty and as a keen fisherman he often went up onto the sea wall to see the state of the tide. He did this on that night and was amazed to find the water only a couple of feet from the top of the wall with still

about two hours before high water."

PC Pilgrim could see the dangers and quickly started knocking on people's doors waking up a resident in every street he could and asking them to alert the rest of their neighbours.

Bob, who later joined the police himself, added: "The problem my father found was getting residents to believe him. He was told to clear off on more than one occasion."

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Book festival director urges locals to put on own events

By Charles Thomson

THE DIRECTOR of the Essex Book Festival has responded to criticism about the lack of events taking part in south Essex.

Belinda Farrell, in charge of the festival since last year, said that she needed partners to help her stage more events south of Chelmsford. She issued the call for collaborators after local campaigners said that despite years of complaints, they once again felt frozen out of the four-week festival in March.

This year Basildon will host only one event, while Castle Point, Thurrock and Southend will host just two each – but 12 will be held in Colchester and 16 in Chelmsford.

Margaret Marck, 81, of East Thorpe, has been campaigning for several years with the Vange Library Book Club to bring more events to the area.

She said: “Do they think we can’t read? I rather think they think people in the north of the county are more educated than we are. We are not fairly represented. A lot of events are too far away for us to go to.”

Several local writers have joined the call for more events to be staged locally. Best-selling

author Syd Moore, from Southend, said: “It’s south Essex that suffers most, and unfairly, from the ‘Essex boy/girl’, ‘cultural desert’ stereotype. Whenever I have done readings and events in south Essex I have found them incredibly well supported. There definitely is an appetite down here for authors reading their works.”

“People down here are reading and writing furiously. We need to be seen as part of Essex as a whole rather than the poor relatives.”

Dominic Ross of the Basildon Writers group agreed.

He said: “Maybe if there were more events around writing and reading in the local areas, it would encourage more people to write.”

Southend author Zoe Howe, who will take part in two events at the festival, said she would like to see more happening locally.

She said: “Every time I have been involved in a local event I have been heartened and amazed by the sheer number of people turning up. It’s fantastic, but we need to feed and nurture that appetite.”

Ms Farrell said she could not comment on the lack of local events before she took over in 2012, but attributed the current shortfall to the festival’s current reliance on finding local partners.

She said: “The festival went independent of Essex County Council in 2012. We can’t afford to hire venues. We don’t even pay the writers. We’re in a tricky situation.”

“The reason there are so many events in Colchester and Chelmsford is because we have partners there who host and market a lot of events for us.”

She said the festival could only survive if organisations like libraries, educational institutions and reading and writing groups offered to



UNFAIR: Syd Moore claims there is demand in south Essex for events.

Picture by Mark Cleveland

organise events.

She said: “We have more events this year than ever thanks to our partners – but I can’t market all 60 events on my own. We need people who are willing to help us out.”

She said things could become even more difficult after 2014, when the festival’s three-year Arts Council funding runs out.

She urged libraries, writing groups and anybody else who could organise and/or host an event at the 2014 festival to call her on 01245 347456.

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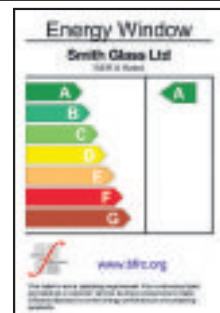
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TRAIN company c2c handed out 20,000 chocolate treats last Thursday to apologise for service disruptions a week earlier.

Employees dressed up in T-shirts which said 'Sorry for last Thursday' and dished out the chocolates to morning commuters as they travelled from south Essex into London.

The sweets were to apologise for delays caused by a broken down train at 8am on Thursday, January 17.

Managing director Julian Drury said: "Last Thursday we fell below our usual high standards. "That's why we wanted to do something, as well as to say sorry to everyone affected, whatever their delay that day - short or long."

SORRY: c2c staff were handing out chocolates to commuters following travel problems the previous week.

Nominate for your community commuter

A LUCKY commuter has the chance to win a free season ticket for themselves and £5,000 for a local charity, from train operator c2c.

The firm has launched its second 'Community Champion' competition, designed to reward a regular passenger for their volunteering efforts in the local community.

The competition is open to nominations for any passenger who volunteers for a local charity or community group.

Managing director Julian Drury said: "c2c have been part of the local community for more than a decade, and we know what an important role volunteers play. That's why we want to reward one of those local champions for their hard work - both as an individual through a free season ticket, and also with some money to help make a difference for their local charity or community group."



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Family offer reward to find lost memory card

A REWARD is being offered for the safe return of a memory card with hundreds of family photos on it.

Dean Newman, from Westcliff, left the card in a camera in McDonald's near the top of the high street on Monday, January 21, between 1.15pm and 1.45pm.

It features everything from the birth of his child to summer holidays in Cornwall.

Dean said: "The camera has four months' worth of pictures of my two-year-old daughter, Isabelle, that we just can't replace. These include pictures of her opening presents at Christmas and photos of her with her grandparents, including those who live the other end of the country."

The camera is described as a small compact Canon powershot A3150 IS that has a black body with a chrome circle on the



REWARD: Isabelle captured on the camera New Year's Day – one of the precious images on the lost camera.

front. The chrome section has a slight dink in it from being dropped and it was left in a soft grey zip up camera pouch.

"That camera has captured Isabelle from day one, it was even taken into the delivery room, so it and its contents mean an awful lot to me and my wife. At that age Isabelle is changing

all the time and with the loss of cherished images that you just can't recreate it almost feels like I've lost a part of me."

He added: "I realised I'd left the camera there when I got back to my desk at work but when I returned to McDonald's the camera was not to be found. The staff were very helpful and even checked bins, but with no luck."

Some of the last images and video taken on the camera were of Isabelle enjoying a sledge ride over the weekend.

Dean concluded: "I'm just after the camera and its content back, no questions asked, and am offering a reward for the camera and the memory card's safe return."

The camera can be handed in to the main reception of South Essex College, where Dean works, just of the high street, in Luker Road.

More seats on flights for rugby match

EXTRA seats are being added to flights from London Southend to Dublin Airport on February 9, 11 and 12 to allow England rugby fans to go and cheer on their team.

Aer Lingus Regional, operated by Aer Arann, said it wanted to meet the demand of rugby supporters flying to and from Dublin when England meet Ireland in the RBS Six Nations match on Sunday, February 10.

The airline operates three daily return flights from London Southend to Dublin Airport.

Launched in May 2012, Aer Lingus Regional has flown almost 50,000 passengers on the route.

Simon Fagan, chief commercial officer for Aer Arann said "We are always looking at ways to improve our customers' experience by offering more choice, great value and further convenience. We are responding to increased demand by adding extra seats to the London Southend Airport to Dublin Airport route.

"This move will ensure choice for our customers flying to Dublin for the rugby.

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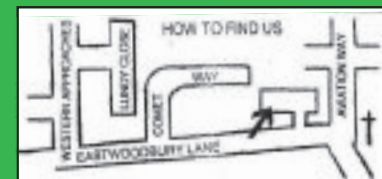
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PROUD: (L-R): Andrew Lewis, Southend Council's corporate director for enterprise, tourism and the environment, Peter Geraghty, Southend Council's acting head of planning and Transport and President of the RTPI, Rob Tinlin, Southend Council's chief executive, and Councillor Jonathan Garston, Southend Council's executive councillor for planning, at Mr Geraghty's inauguration at Dartmouth House in London.

President of planning institute inaugurated

SOUTHEND Council's acting head of planning and transport, Peter Geraghty, has been inaugurated as President of the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI).

The Institute, which has more than 23,000 members, represents professional town planners in the UK and Ireland and also has members in Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong and China.

Speaking after the inauguration at Dartmouth House in London, Mr Geraghty said: "It is a great honour to be elected by your peers and colleagues to represent them."

"Being inaugurated as president of the RTPI is a great privilege and reflects very positively on Southend Council."

In his inauguration speech Mr Geraghty, who succeeds outgoing president Colin Haylock, called on planners to be 'proud of the profession and proud of planners'.

His appointment follows Southend's success in being Council of the Year 2012.

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Victims of the Holocaust remembered at service

VICTIMS of the Holocaust were honoured in a special remembrance service last Friday.

Residents gathered at the Memorial to Victims of Persecution outside The Mill Arts and Events Centre, in Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, in the run up to Holocaust Memorial Day, which officially marks the 68th anniversary of

the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau.

They were joined by the chairman of Rochford Council, Councillor Joan Mockford, fellow councillors, religious leaders, community groups and schools for a service led by Reverend Canon Mike Lodge, Rector of the Parish of Rayleigh and Rural Dean of Rochford.

Free puppet show

AN ACTING school is to provide two free performances on Friday, February 8 at 10am and 11am.

East 15 students will be performing four puppet shows each lasting ten minutes, for families with children aged between two and six years old at Southend Central Library.

Southend Central Library has supported the East 15 Students for the past four years providing a venue for their performances.

A spokesman said previous events had encouraged new families to visit and join their local library.

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The basic sewing skills courses have been organised by Essex County Council, to encourage more residents to reuse their unwanted household items instead of throwing them away.

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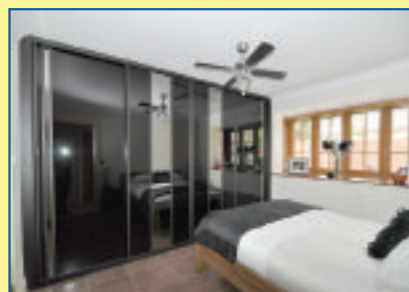
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Businessman appointed to oversee sport development

ONE OF Essex's leading businessmen has been recruited to head up the county's sport development in Essex.

Gary Sullivan OBE, chairman of The Essex Olympic Strategic Board, has agreed to become the new chairman of Active Essex.

His appointment follows the exit of David East, who held the role of chairman for four years, who has gone abroad.

Speaking about his new role, he said: "I am thrilled to be able to pick up the gauntlet and take sports and physical activity

engagement across the county to the next level.

Here in Essex we have some of the best sporting facilities in the country including our very own Olympic venue in Hadleigh, so what better time to start getting people more active.

"I am really excited to build on the success of what was a fantastic year of sport, not only for Essex but the whole of the UK, which I was very lucky to be involved with. Now with sport and physical activity at the forefront of people's minds, this is a

great time to be joining such a successful and exciting team."

Mr Sullivan was made an OBE in Queen's Birthday Honours List in June 2012 for Service to Regeneration of the Thames Gateway, and in October 2012 he received an Honorary Doctorate from Anglia Ruskin University in Business Administration.

For more information on Active Essex and how you can become more physically active across the county visit www.activeessex.org

GCSE results in county below national average

GCSE results in Essex are below the national average, according to the latest figures.

Secondary school results for this year show almost 59 per cent of Essex pupils are achieving A*-C in English and maths GCSE – the national average is 59.4 per cent.

Essex County Councillor Stephen Castle, cabinet member with responsibility for education, said changes made to GCSE grades had affected results, although he pointed out that grades were better than the

previous year.

The percentage of Essex pupils achieving A*-C in English and maths has increased by 0.7 per cent (from 58.2 per cent in 2011 to 58.9 per cent in 2012) and are now close to the national average of 59.4 per cent.

The percentage of pupils making three levels of progress between KS2 and KS4 in English in 2012 is 66.5 per cent (from 71.6 per cent in 2011).

This is well below the national average of 68 per cent.

The percentage of pupils making three levels of progress between KS2 and KS4 in maths has increased by 3.6 per cent (from 66.4 per cent in 2011 to 71 per cent in 2012) – better than the national average of 68.7 per cent.

There was more good news in A-level results, with 7.8 per cent of students achieving A-level grade AAB compared to 7.4 per cent nationally.

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Work is planned to start on Monday,

February 4 for six weeks.

One southbound lane on Victoria Avenue will be closed between 9.30am and 3.30pm.

Vehicle access to St Mary's Road will also be blocked.

Southend Council apologised the inconvenience caused by the works.

Tour de east London

THE Tour de France will cut through east London in 2014 as the legendary cycle road race comes to the UK.

Starting in Yorkshire two days earlier, the third stage of the race will begin in Cambridge and make its way along A and B roads parallel to the M11 into London.

Waltham Forest Council leader Chris Robbins said: "This is fantastic news. Following on from the inspirational performances at last year's Olympics in the velo-

drome cycling is becoming more and more popular.

"I am sure that our residents will once again line the streets to welcome this great sporting event and cheer on their heroes. We'll be using it to encourage more residents to get on their bikes and use cycling to become fitter and healthier."

The big day for Waltham Forest will be on July 7, 2014, with the route scheduled to run through Redbridge, Waltham Forest and Newham, passing through the Olympic Park and

on to Tower Hamlets, the City of London and Westminster.

The final stretch is planned to take the competitors through St James' Park and past the front of Buckingham Palace for a spectacular finish on The Mall.

Last year Waltham Forest Council introduced a three-year Cycling Action Plan that, among a host of cycling initiatives, aims encourage more people to ride more often and aims to introduce 20mph speed limits on all of the borough's residential streets.

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Horried over carpark plans

I READ with horror about the plans to turn Seaway carpark into a cinema. The existing Odeon cinema is barely ever full and the ticket office rarely manned. Why do we need another cinema?

Also the parking in the roads around there is a nightmare for us who live there now. What would happen regarding the parking then?

I wish the Council would purchase my house then all my worries would be over! Everything is or has been done to help people around the hospital and RBS Credit Card Centre but not us. I would happily pay for Residents Parking.

Gail Grindell,
Southend

Thanks for your trouble

ON TUESDAY, January 15 I parked near the old Grand Hotel and walked to the Halifax Bank on the Broadway. Once at the bank I could not find a letter with my personal details. Well I managed to do what I had to do at the bank and returned home to Beedell Avenue.

I looked for my letter and

obviously I didn't find it at home. The following Saturday, January 19, my letter was delivered with the morning post and it had been sent to me by an anonymous member of the public who had found the letter in the Broadway and posted it to me, signing only YP. Many thanks for all your trouble and I'd like to invite you for a drink if you read this letter and would like to give me a ring on 01702 337443. Once again many thanks.

Jose' dos Anjos,
Westcliff

Nigel and Graham should take the credit

WHEN reading comments from the Conservative Leader of the Council, Councillor Nigel Holdcroft, and from the Liberal Democrat leader, Councillor Graham Longley, you could almost get the impression that the cuts being forced on Southend-on-Sea Borough Council have nothing to do with them.

I feel obliged to remind Southend's residents that when they have no air show, black sacks, or pest control, are not informed about new developments near them, and see a whole range of services offering reduced cover, that this is

the work of these two. Both campaigned for their parties in the last General Election (Councillor Longley was even a candidate) and what we are seeing is the result of their labours. They should be rejoicing in our misery.

I was more than happy to laud the efforts of Tony Blair's and Gordon Brown's governments when Labour were in government; Nigel and Graham should be extolling the virtues of the wrecking ball that is clobbering the Civic Centre and all that it does for our town. Trying to look abashed at the coalition government's impositions on local authorities looks ridiculous.

(And while they congratulate themselves the rest of us count the days to the next set of elections where we can wreak our revenge.)

Councillor Julian Ware-Lane

The 'secret' is now out!

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secret I'll never know, but the secret is out now. Can't write anymore, off to the club to enjoy myself.

Terry Gray,
Leigh

David Amess is very helpful

IN ANSWER to David Hemmings' recent letter, I have always found my MP Mr David Amess very helpful.

The three times I have had to see him in council matters Mr Amess has always got me a satisfactory answer. Also if you ever met him out walking his dog he would always stop and have a chat.

Mrs P Gollin,
Address supplied

A dirtier and less safe Southend?

QUITE often it is the small things. I have had many conversations that have begun along the lines of "I know this is quite trivial, but..." Quite often it is the small things that really make a difference.

The draft proposals for this year's cuts to Southend-on-Sea Borough council's budget include a number of large and eye-catching items. It has to, with something like £10 million that has to be saved. Among these are some smaller items, and four of these give me a cause for concern.

The decision to save £47,000 by no longer providing black refuse sacks is one that could easily be a false economy. Litter and fly-tipping feature large in many councillors' casework inboxes, and this cut has the potential to make this an even bigger feature. While most households will grudgingly purchase their own supply of black sacks, there will be those who choose either to dump everything in the pink sacks, to use carrier bags and the like, or to just throw their general trash wherever they can get away with it. All these options will increase the workload for street cleaners and will add more woes for the neighbours.

Like the decision the scrap the pest control service (saving £37,000), this has the potential to make Southend a less healthy borough – an irony when you consider that much of the PCT's duties transfer to borough control within the next few months and the borough takes responsibility for public health. I am perturbed that this transfer of responsibility could coincide with worsening health outcomes.

I have used the pest control services on more than one occasion. I am concerned that some will choose the option to grin and bear it when faced

with paying a private supplier of control services. This cannot be good for any of us.

For similar reasons (the threat to public health) I have worries about the cut to toilet maintenance (£10,000). Our toilets may have won awards last year, but is this likely to be repeated after this cut? I am already concerned that we have too few in the town, and my wish for an increase in provision is likely to go unheeded. The £37,000 to be saved by outsourcing the stray dogs service is something else that I hope will not give us cause for regret. I have read many stories about dog bites and the like and I sense that there is real disquiet in some quarters about dogs in our town.

I accept that savings have to be made, but I cannot help but be anxious that some of the savings will prove to be expensive in the long run. We could be spoiling the ship for a ha'p'orth of tar. If these savings can be made without making the town a worse place, with poorer public health and dirtier and less safe streets then I may be able to support them. If there is some doubt over this then I feel we should take another look at the budget.

Name and address supplied

Money is lost in translation

ONE has read from time to time that court cases in the UK have needed to be cancelled due to translators being unavailable where people charged with offences claim they cannot speak or understand English while they are in court. Local councils in England seem to feel that a lot of documents that they send to residents need to have many of them printed in different languages never worrying about the cost or why this is justified. It may well be a EU ruling of course but who makes the decision about which language should appear and which ones do not?

I very much doubt that our continental friends go as far as we do in this respect. Our schools are of course hampered by the children now attending school without being able to understand our language. All sorts of high costs are reported to be incurred relating to these matters.

However I have never heard a mention of Google Translate which is free and on the internet. I understand that around 65 different languages can be found on this service. Our courts and councils can use this free of any costs. Will they even try? Well it's not their money they are using up is it?

James Mills,
Address supplied

Why not have referendum now?

SO DAVID Cameron has announced there will be a referendum on the future of the EU if the Tories win the next general election.

This is what annoys me about politicians, not just the Tories. You heard it time and again when Labour were in power: "If we win we'll do this..." If it's that important then why not do it NOW while you have the chance rather than use it as a way to secure votes for the next election? Cameron has more than enough time to have a referendum before the next election in 2015. Nothing politicians say or promise is for the benefit of anyone but themselves.

R Hunt,
Hornchurch

What a mess we are in

I WAS never very good at mathematics at school, however, this is an equation I can understand. According to BBC UK News Migration Watch, if immigration continues its current trend, taking in thousands of Bulgarians and Romanian migrants, after a further five years of open borders there will be "significant consequences" for houses and jobs.

The Home Office says it wants to move from hundreds of thousands to tens of thousands of migrants by the end of this Parliament. Prime Minister Mr Cameron said earlier that details for such calculations "wasn't there yet".

Putting my maths cap on I know they are five years behind the equation and probably more. Where I wonder, are all this influx of people going to live, simple answer to this one on England's green belt in so called affordable housing rented out to them by landlords and in houses built by Eastern Europeans whilst our building trade workers cannot get gainful employment.

The government maintain they want to kick start the building trade, but for who? Straight A pass I think. I wonder what grade the PM and all the previous PMs and all the environmental planners got - dread to think.

What is the answer? – simple – bring the benefits paid to EU migrants in line with those paid by other EU countries. One EU – one EU benefit system and if not, why not? Can't do that though because it would upset Brussels? What a mess we are in.

Tom Smith,
Benfleet

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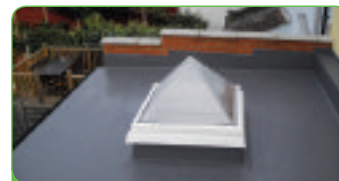
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The castle, overlooking the Thames Estuary as well as nearby marshes, is apparently the most important medieval castle in Essex and while there is not a lot left of it, there is just enough there to give you a sense of how grand it once was.

Hadleigh Castle was not just a fortress protecting the area from invasion, it was also a royal residence and, while only the ruins of two of its towers and some of its curtain walls remain, you can still get a great sense of how big it once was.

This is thanks to information boards put in place around the site by English Heritage, the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England, which cares for the site.

The castle was built by Hubert de Burgh, who was given the land and the manor of Hadleigh by King John in 1215. Hubert, Earl of Kent, was the custodian of two important royal castles at Windsor and Dover - the latter of which he successfully defended during a fierce siege in 1216, proving his great military skill - as well as King John's chief minister of justice.

Hubert, who was effectively ruler of England during Henry III's childhood, spent a large amount of money building the castle in the 1230s as a statement of his power, but he was unable to enjoy it for long because quarrels with the King put an end to his successful career and he was forced to return his lands, including Hadleigh, to the King in 1239.

While the castle remained in royal hands, it was only first used as a royal residence by Edward II, and it was not until the reign of Edward III that its strategic importance was considered.

Edward III's claim to the French throne led to the Hundred Years War with France and the castle was ideally situated as a base for defending the estuary against the French raids. He began a 10 year building programme in the 1360s - as the structure had already suffered following Hubert's mistake of building it on geologically unstable clay - and added its barbican (a fortified gateway), two drum towers and a chapel. The castle at this time was also surrounded by parkland and included a prison and royal apartments, such as the King's and Queen's chambers, and the Prince's Tower.

The King, who also built Queenborough Castle on the opposite shore in Kent during this time, eventually used Hadleigh Castle as a favourite retreat during his old age.

While Edward III loved Hadleigh Castle, his successors took little interest in it and it was leased to a succession of tenants before being sold to Lord Riche in 1551. Lord Riche, of Lee Priory, Chelmsford, snapped it up from Edward VI for £700 and in turn its Reigate stone and ragstone was sold off as building material for churches

and other structures.

Although large amounts of its stone was taken away, and most of its southern features have slipped to a lower level, there are a number of structures still visible at the site including the excavated foundations of the most important part of the castle - the great hall - which had a serving room at the end and a private room known as a solar beyond that.

The foundations of the curtain walls along three sides between the castle's original eight towers also remain, along with the foundations of the castle's kitchen buildings, and what is left of the barbican and one of its outer turrets.

The highest of its towers, which was immortalised in a painting by John Constable and can be seen from miles around, is its south east tower which still stands three storeys, complete with windows and the remains of fireplaces.

Wandering around the site is a great way to bring a piece of history alive with the kids as there is just enough ruins there to let their imaginations run riot. With fantastic views it would also be a great place for a picnic during the spring and summer months, and a great starting point for a packed day out as it is situated next to the Salvation Army's Hadleigh Farm - a rare breeds centre - and their tea room which offers refreshments during the day.

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HISTORIC: Hadleigh Castle.

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■ **DIRECTIONS:** Hadleigh Castle can be found at the end of Castle Lane, Hadleigh, SS7 2PP. Following the English Heritage castle sign when you reach the A13, London Road. There is no parking at the site but if you are visiting Hadleigh Farm as well there is a car park there. Alternatively you can park at Hadleigh Country Park and walk through the park, or park in the local area.

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Tuesday, February 5

- Walk, Friends Group ES30, meet 10.30am, Rose and Crown, Great Waltham, 4 miles, pub lunch.
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The family run restaurant has a team of friendly Thai staff, as well as experienced chefs, who all add to Siam Village's ambience.

Its menu, packed with fresh food that is all prepared to order on the premises, includes a range of appetisers such as the Siam Village Mixed Platter offering a selection of popular Thai starters such as vegetable spring rolls, chicken satay, prawn on toast, fish cakes and Som Tum – a spicy Thai salad – all served with plum, sweet chilli and peanut sauce.

For those less adventurous there's aromatic duck or stuffed chicken wings, while for those looking for something different then why not tuck into Bags of Gold – rice pastry filled glass noodles and mixed vegetable, served with

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Follow this with a choice of Spicy Thai Soup, Spicy Thai Salad or one of its range of grilled dishes, Thai curries, or stir fried dishes of duck, lamb, chicken, pork or beef.

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There is also a range of noodle dishes to enjoy as well as a selection of vegetarian options, so there is something for everyone, whatever their taste.

Siam Village serves special menus throughout the year on special occasions, including Valentine's Day, on February 14. Anyone wanting to treat the one they love with a special dining experience on the big day is urged to call for further information and book early to avoid disappointment.

The restaurant, which has parking at the rear, also offers a full takeaway service offering a 10 per cent discount for people who collect, or free home delivery within a three mile radius.

For further information about Siam Village, which is open from 5pm to 11pm from Sunday to Thursday, and from 5pm to 11.30pm on Friday and Saturday, including Bank Holidays, call Siam Village on 01277 651177.

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Many also make it their first choice for a range of occasions throughout the year as the restaurant and its staff go out of their way to make events extra special.

One night which looks set to be popular is Valentine's Day, so anyone interested is urged to call for further information.

Shadhona Tandoori will be the perfect place to treat your loved one on February 14 so diners are reminded

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The restaurant, which is run by the Uddin family who have more than 30 years experience in the catering industry, prides itself on providing diners with outstanding service in comfortable surroundings that are completely different from the usual Indian theme.

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■ Talk, Leigh Travel Club, The Iveagh Hall, 67 Leigh Road, Leigh, 'Northern Thailand' by John Willens, 7.30pm for 7.45pm start, admission 2 includes refreshments, further details Lynda 01702 474475.

■ Meeting, TEDFAS (Thames Estuary Decorative and Fine Arts Society), Freight House, Bradley Way, Rochford, 10.30am and again at 2.30pm, 'America's Realist Genius – The Art of Edward Hopper', Lecturer Eric Shanes, visitors £5.

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Thursday, February 7

■ Social Afternoon, Civil Service Retirement Fellowship, Rayleigh Church, Rectory Garth, (off Hockley Road), Rayleigh, 2-4pm. 01702 324246.

■ Walk, Friends Group ES30, meet 10.30am, Heybridge Basin, Daisy Meadow Public Car park, The Old Ship, 4 miles, pub lunch.

■ Meeting, Eastwood Ladies Evening Club, Eastwood Memorial Hall, Rayleigh Road (corner of Lambeth Road) Eastwood, varied programme with interesting speakers, 7.45pm, further details Barbara 01702 528311 or Jan 01702 529216.

■ Meeting, Parkinson's UK, The Crowstone Christian Centre, Crowstone Road, Westcliff, 2pm-4pm, meetings held first Thursday of the month, £2 including refreshments, further details call Joyce May 01702 339088.

■ Art Class, Westcliff United Reform Church, King's Road, Westcliff, 10am-noon or 1-3pm, with artist Paul Alcock, beginners and experienced students welcome, £7. 01702 615475.

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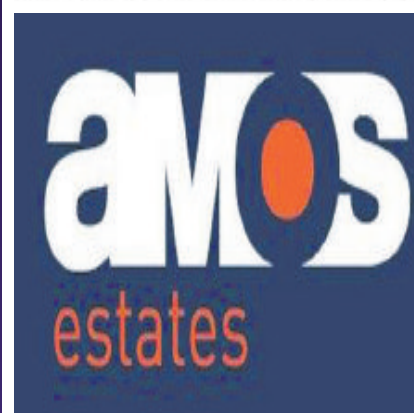
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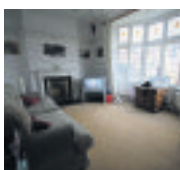
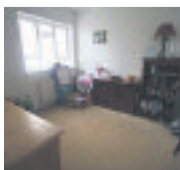
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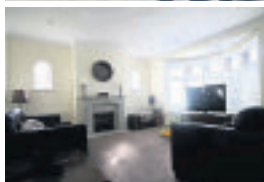


Southend On Sea £449,500

Three storied Victorian town house being situated within the sought after Clifftown Conservation Area, close to town centre and Cliff gardens. The property includes a self contained lower ground floor apartment which could also be used to provide a further bedroom/ living accommodation. West backing garden with detached double width garage approached via rear vehicular access.

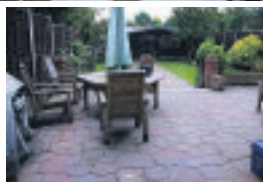
- ➔ Clifftown Conservation Area
- ➔ Victorian Town House
- ➔ Ground floor apartment
- ➔ Three reception rooms
- ➔ Four bedrooms
- ➔ Fitted kitchen
- ➔ Bathroom/wc
- ➔ Gas central heating
- ➔ Detached garage
- ➔ West backing garden

Southend On Sea £395,000



Being sold with no onward chain is this immaculate detached house of character being situated on the sought after Southchurch Boulevard and benefitting from spacious accommodation throughout. The property benefits from three/ four bedrooms, two with en-suites and includes a modern kitchen/ breakfast room with a spacious formal lounge and a family room overlooking an attractive rear garden. Rarely does a property of this calibre come onto the market and early viewings are advised to appreciate the size of the accommodation on offer.

Southend On Sea £250,000



Sorrell are favoured with instructions to offer for sale this attractive spacious family home offering three reception areas along with five bedrooms with the master bedroom having an en-suite shower room. Attractive front and rear gardens with large garage/ workshop.

Shoeburyness £174,995



Modern semi detached family house offering spacious ground floor living accommodation. The property also benefits from three good size bedrooms as well as double glazing and gas central heating, West backing rear garden, integral garage and parking.

Southend On Sea £495 pcm



Self contained first floor flat above a shop, accommodation comprising large lounge, kitchen/ diner with integrated oven and grill with four ring gas hob and extractor fan, plumbing and recess for washing machine, double bedroom, bathroom/wc with panelled bath with electric shower oven, wash hand basin and close coupled wc, full double glazing and gas central heating, newly carpeted throughout.

Southend On Sea £540 pcm



Purpose built two bedroom self contained flat, newly carpeted and decorated throughout, double glazing and gas central heating, two double bedrooms, spacious lounge, fitted kitchen with integrated four ring gas hob with oven and grill under, extractor fan, plumbing and recess for washing machine, recess for refrigerator, bathroom/wc. Please note bath has no shower and small wash hand basin. Communal garden.

Southend On Sea £650 pcm



Large first floor flat which has been fully refurbished and is situated close to Southend town centre. There is a large lounge and two double bedrooms and a newly fitted kitchen with four ring hob and oven under, there is also a new modern bathroom/wc and the property benefits from gas central heating and double glazing throughout as well as brand new flooring.

Leigh On Sea £700 pcm



Sorrell letting department are pleased to offer this two bedroom ground floor apartment offering spacious accommodation throughout and being situated on the Leigh/ Hadleigh borders. The property has a large lounge/diner with a door leading to a pleasant outdoor seating area.

Westcliff On Sea £650 pcm



Attractive and spacious ground floor apartment being situated within close proximity of Westcliff station and having Estuary glimpses. The property offers three good size bedrooms and has a spacious lounge/diner with a South facing aspect. There is a modern fitted kitchen and a bathroom with an electric shower over, separate wc. The property is fully double glazed and there is gas central heating, communal parking to the rear.

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SOLD IN JANUARY
Westcliff-On-Sea £360,000 - £370,000
A rare opportunity to secure a magnificent four bedroom detached house with a large garden in the Somerset Area, moments from excellent schools and amenities of Bridgewater drive. The property also enjoys wonderful entertaining space throughout.



NEW PRICE
Westcliff-On-Sea £265,000 offers above

This stunning and extended 3 double bedroomed semi-detached house with magnificent internal decor enjoys a secluded west-backing garden. Superb kitchen to breakfast room, large reception rooms and hallway, double glazing, gas central heating, garage.



SOLD IN JANUARY
Rochford £184,995-£194,995
A great three bedroomed bungalow boasting a wonderful rear garden, large rooms and a peaceful location on Roche Avenue.



NEW INSTRUCTION
Southend-On-Sea £200,000 offer above

This outstanding two bedroomed detached freehold home (built around 1890's) is tucked away on a pretty residential street in the sought-after Southend Conservation area. This is a rare opportunity to own a very special home in a wonderful location.



SOLD IN JANUARY
Southend-On-Sea £85,000-£95,000
This ground floor flat situated within the heart of Southend is being offered with no onward chain. The accommodation offers two reception rooms, bedroom kitchen and bathroom.



SOLD IN JANUARY
Southend-On-Sea £190,000
This three bedroom property has been extended into the loft providing an extra bedroom, whilst to the ground floor there are two further bedrooms, two reception rooms, kitchen, bathroom and separate wc.

Prepare to Paint

Before selling your property it is obviously worthwhile doing whatever is reasonably possible to make your home look appealing to prospective purchasers.

Certainly when it comes to making an immediate difference, most people understandably go straight to giving the internal walls a new coat of paint. But beware – a quick "tart-up" job can look just that, and can mar your chances of a sale should you decide to sell in the foreseeable future.

So here are a few tips to consider when repainting your walls:

1. Surface preparation is paramount.
2. Prepare and paint in daylight if possible, but take note of how your lighting can throw unsightly shadows across even minor blemishes.
3. Hack out any badly filled areas or significant cracks and fill with a fine plaster-based filler. Acrylic fillers are more flexible but unless you smooth them fully at the time, some brands cannot be sanded flush afterwards.
4. If a wall has a lot of filled areas, give it a white "mis-coat" before applying the final colour. This allows you to see any missed imperfections much more easily. Sometimes it is worth getting a plasterer in to apply a skim coat for a perfect finish.
5. Don't expect that the paint will fill hairline cracks. Fill them with fine filler.
6. Avoid papering over imperfect walls with textured or wood-chip paper. These are not popular with buyers as they suggest a cheap cover-up.
7. As some staining can show through emulsion, so use a non-gloss oil-based coat on these areas before applying emulsion.

Painting is the easy bit. It is the preparation that takes the time. But it's worth it, as you will have a finish that lasts at least until you realise you don't actually like the colour, or you have moved!



SOLD IN JANUARY
Southend-On-Sea £179,995 offers above
Situated in a striking gated development close to a wealth of amenities and transport links, this stylish penthouse apartment offers secure entry, contemporary decor, parking and wonderful sea views.



SOLD IN JANUARY
Southend-On-Sea £180,000
Being offered with no onward chain is this luxury end of terrace property which offers great value for money. The property boasts an impressive kitchen/diner, lounge, three good sized bedrooms, luxury bathroom, beautiful garden and ample off street parking.



SOLD IN JANUARY
Southend-On-Sea £214,995
Enjoy spacious, ample living in this fabulous three bedroomed modern-style home that provides equally impressive exteriors, located close to Train station and Seafront.



NEW INSTRUCTION
Southend-On-Sea £225,000 offers above

Offering luxury living at its best, this truly exquisite three bedroomed home boasting exceptional interiors, sleek and stylish fixtures and fittings and a sought-after location.



SOLD IN JANUARY
Southend-On-Sea £159,995
Being offered with no onward chain is this mid terraced family property which is conveniently situated for Southend town centre. The accommodation comprises of three reception rooms, three bedrooms and bathroom with separate wc.



NEW PRICE
Leigh-On-Sea £245,000 offers above

Presented to an exceptional standard throughout, this stunning three bedroomed residence offers a wonderful South-backing garden and a desirable location.

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- * Washing facilities on both floors
- * Un-overlooked rear garden
- * Viewing Advised



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AGENTS



DAWS HEATH £439,995

- * Sought after Daws Heath location
- * Enjoying views over Nature Reserve
- * Five bedrooms, En-suite to bedroom one
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- * Ground floor shower room
- * Modern kitchen with utility room
- * Sweeping in/out driveway & single garage
- * South facing garden



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HADLEIGH £310,000

- * Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow
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- * Double Glazed Windows & GCH
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- * Modern 4pce Bathroom Suite

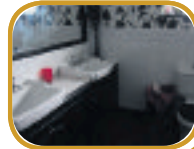


NEW LISTING
SOLE AGENTS



Westcliff-on-Sea £132,500

- * Character first floor apartment
- * Kitchen/diner
- * Lounge
- * 5pce bathroom
- * Two bedrooms
- * Garden
- * Gas central heating
- * Sought after Conservation area
- * Long lease
- * No onward chain



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SOLE AGENTS



Hadleigh £189,995

- * Quiet cul-de-sac close to Hadleigh town centre
- * Extended family sized terraced house
- * Three bedrooms
- * 4pce bathroom
- * Ground floor cloakroom
- * Modern kitchen
- * West facing garden
- * Garage & parking
- * UPVC double glazing



NEW LISTING
SOLE AGENTS



Hadleigh £149,995

- * Stunning two bedroom apartment
- * Located within immediate proximity to Hadleigh town centre
- * Bright & airy
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- * Share of freehold
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- * Spacious lounge



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SOLE AGENTS



Hadleigh £289,995

- * Sought after turning close to Nature Reserve & town centre
- * Fully detached family home
- * Three bedrooms
- * Luxury upgraded family bathroom
- * Ground floor cloakroom
- * Modern kitchen
- * Excellent sized lounge/diner
- * Study/conservatory
- * South facing garden
- * Garage & long independent driveway



NEW LISTING
SOLE AGENTS



Thundersley £109,995

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- * Two bedroom semi detached bungalow
- * Refurbished throughout
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FOR SALE

DAWS HEATH ROAD, DAWS HEATH £269,995

We are delighted to offer this 3 bedroom detached chalet style home occupying a corner plot within the desirable Daws Heath area. The property is ideally located for schools for all ages, local amenities, parks & woodland and local transport links. The home benefits from a large lounge/diner, downstairs cloakroom, 3 good size bedrooms (master with ensuite), family bathroom and double garage/workshop.



FOR SALE

ORCHARD AVENUE, RAMSDEN BELLHOUSE £900,000

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CORNWORTHY, SHOEBURYNESSE £224,995 OIRO

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REDUCED

MAITLAND ROAD, WICKFORD £178,000

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Price £5,000 Leasehold. Ref. M4615E



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Price £125,000 Leasehold. Ref. C4456E



HOME AND GIFTS BUSINESS - LEIGH ON SEA

Situated in a busy trading position and is surrounded by many established businesses. Our client is reluctantly selling due to health reasons. The business trades in childrens clothing, pottery, furniture etc. Ideal first business. Turnover averages £600 pw but is under achieving at this level. The business would benefit from a fully interactive website and our client has tactfully gained exclusive rights to some very good suppliers. New lease for a term to be agreed at £5,750 pax.

Price £27,500 Leasehold. Ref. N4600E - THE PRICE DOES INCLUDE ALL STOCK ESTIMATED AT £15,000



NEW - SANDWICH BAR (A1 USE) - RAYLEIGH

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Price £9,950 Leasehold. Ref. C4589E



NEW - LICENSED RESTAURANT/BISTRO (60 + 24) - EPPING.

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Price £90,000 Leasehold. Ref. C4613E



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- NO ONWARD CHAIN
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- Beautiful Lounge



No
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Chain

- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- White suite Bathroom
- Own Garden



New
Instruction

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- G/F Shower Room
- No Onward Chain

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Hadleigh £199,950

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Situated on a walkway position within the heart of Thundersley village this extended house offers four bedrooms, lounge, dining are open plan to modern fitted kitchen, utility room, family bathroom, ground floor shower room, double glazing and a garage.



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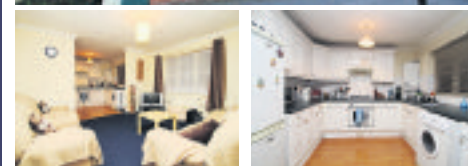
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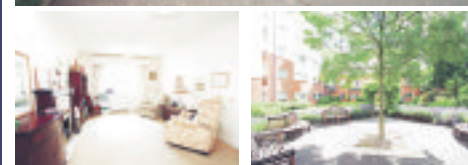
Prittlewell £232,000

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Westcliff-on-Sea £185,000

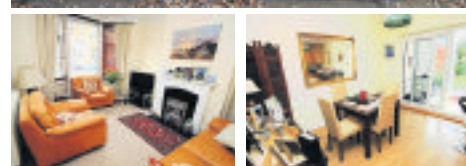
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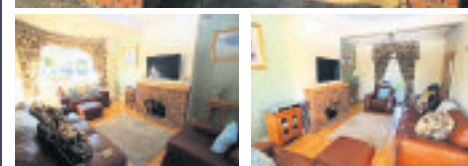
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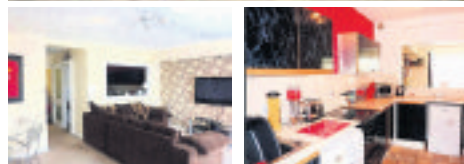


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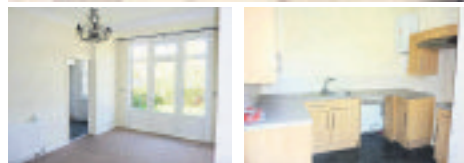


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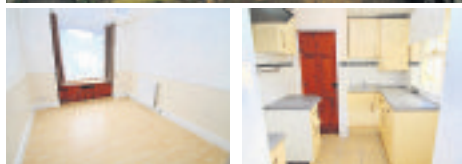


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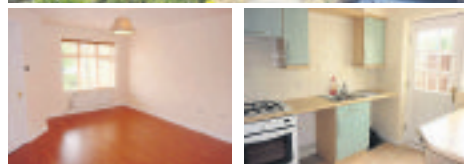


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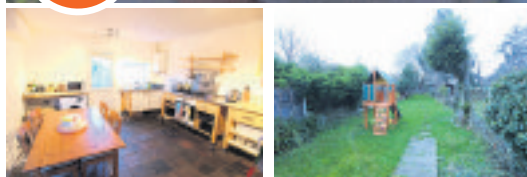
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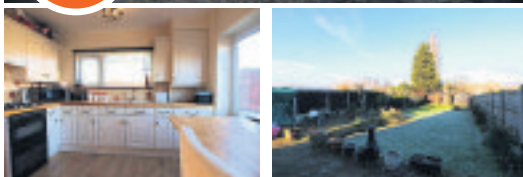
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A. The relevant section of The Property Ombudsman's Code of Conduct actually says that the agent must take all reasonable steps to establish the source and availability of a prospective buyer's funds - and pass this information to the seller.

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Of course, you are under no obligation to co-operate if you choose not to. However, you need to be prepared for the consequences. The agent would then have no choice but to go back to his client and say that as a result of your unwillingness to co-operate, he had not been able to confirm your financial bona fides...

Of course, ultimately it is always the seller's decision whether or not to continue, but in this instance the agent would be doing less than his duty if he did not recommend an appropriate course of action. If the seller were still minded to accept your offer, for example, the agent might well suggest that he should continue to actively market the property, until such time as appropriate reassurance was eventually forthcoming.

On one level, of course, your reluctance to reveal your hand while negotiations are still at such an early stage is perfectly understandable. Nevertheless, to be blunt, this sale is unlikely to go anywhere until you do - except on the kind of conditional basis I have already suggested.

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By Andy Enright

THE LITTLE folding metal-top convertible Peugeot 207 CC is one of those cars that makes a better used buy than many people realise. Its predecessor, the 206 CC, perhaps tainted its chances somewhat as this was a vehicle that was far from the most reliable, but with the 207 CC - and especially later models - Peugeot really got its act together.

Apart from the chromed front grille, circular front foglamps and LED rear lights added to this revised version, the 207CC hasn't changed much over the years, but that's because the original

design was pretty good in the first place. The shape is quite sleek, with a slippery 0.30Cd drag coefficient, though like many cars of this kind, it looks more cohesive roof-down than roof-up. Perhaps one reason why is Peugeot's decision to stick with a largish two-piece folding roof in a market where we've got used to seeing such fixed tops fold into three, four or even five pieces. All very clever - but also very complex, which isn't something you need in an affordable car of this kind.

Multi-folding hard-tops also contract into sandwich form when they stow away bootwards, munching through your luggage space. This

car's simpler structure means that it can do better in this regard, but you're still limited to just 187-litres with the roof down, in which state, you won't be able to fit in any solid cases through the slim gap offered between boot floor and folded roof. Raise the roof and you can get one or two in - and keep it erect and there's actually a very reasonable 449-litres on offer.

Some effort was made with this revised model to give the fascia a more up-market appearance thanks to smarter graphics and chrome detailing, but some of the cabin plastics do still feel a bit hard to the touch. Oddment space includes door bins, centre console cubbies, a lockable, air conditioned glovebox, and perhaps those rear seats.

Prices start at around £7,000 for a 2010 1.6 VTi GT, with the far rarer HDi diesels starting at around £9,000. A 2012 Allure diesel will still be more than £12,000. An 11-plated 1.6 VTi Sport will set you back around £9,500 with 40,000 miles on the clock.

Buyers of so-called 'proper' affordable sportscars like Mazda's MX-5 or perhaps one of those hot hatch GTIs

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will probably never willingly slip behind the wheel of a car like this 207CC. They'll assume it to be soft, wobbly, compromised and dull. And in many ways, they'll be wrong. Of course, this is no roadster - it wouldn't sell in volume if it was - but the drive on offer can actually be a lot more satisfying than you might expect.

And there are two reasons why. First the stiff structure, a full 280kgs weightier than that of the old 206CC. The pay-off is that the resulting design is 40 per cent tauter than the old 206CC with the roof up and 46% stiffer roof-down, creating a solid and eager feel very different to that previous model. The second reason is a little more surprising. The supple ride that suits this car's more relaxed demeanour round town actually also makes it more rewarding round your favourite B road. You're certainly much more at one with the car than you would be in a far more stiffly-sprung sporty fixed-top 207 hatch fitted with the same engine.

You'd better like 1.6s because the 207CC has three of them, all hi-tech BMW-developed units shared with the MINI. At entry-level, there's a 120bhp unit faced with the slightly daunting task of shifting one and a half tonnes of Gallic convertible real estate with something like alacrity. A difficult task, especially in those variants specified with 4-speed automatic transmission. Much better then, to try and stretch to either the 112bhp 1.6-litre diesel (good for sixty in 10.9s from rest en route to 119mph) or the 150bhp THP turbo petrol model. 8.6s to sixty on the way to 130mph isn't enough to make it jaw-droppingly quick, but that's as fast as most will want to go in a car of this kind.

More impressive than these bald figures is the way that pulling power arrives early in the rev range - from about 1,400rpm in the THP petrol model - allowing for easy, relaxed overtaking. Yes, the electric power steering could do with a bit more feel, but then this is probably how the

majority of this car's largely female audience will want it: it's certainly easy to use around town. Roof-down on the open road, though there's a bit of wind-buffeting around the top of the windows (improvable with an optional wind deflector), the shudder and shake that afflicts even pricier open-tops than this one is well contained, while roof-up at speed, wind and road noise is kept to a minimum. The manual gearbox (a six-speeder in the diesel and the faster petrol model) is reasonably slick too.

Just as there are some Japanese cars that have reliability records that would surprise you, so there are some French cars that also have surprising customer satisfaction scores, but this time for the better. The Peugeot 207 is a case in point and the late-shape CC models are some of the very best. If pushed, we'd be choosing a 1.6 diesel model but it's hard to go wrong with any of them and prices are now looking very reasonable.

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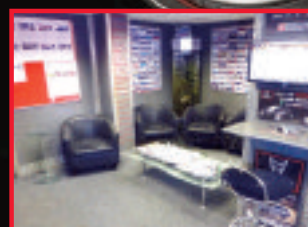
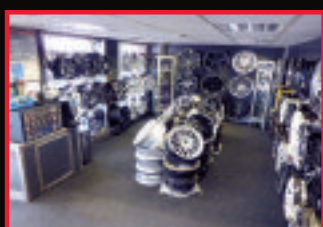
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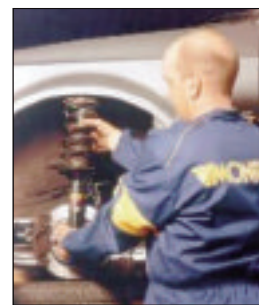
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Strong fourth quarter sees Leopards return with win

Basketball

A STRONG fourth quarter saw Leopards pick up their sixth vears.co.uk Division One victory of the season as they returned from Brixton Topcats with an 84-63 victory on Saturday.

Robert Youngblood's side outscored their hosts 30-14 in the final period to move up to seventh in the table.

Taner Adu led the Big Cats with 23 points, with Greg Hernandez adding 22, Simon Cummings 15 and Carl Josey 11 in a game that Youngblood sat out of due to a hamstring injury.

A poor start to the game saw Adu and Cummings provide the points as Topcats took an 11-4 lead after four minutes, but three-pointers from Adu and Josey saw them stay in touch as they went into the first break trailing 22-17.

That lead was stretched to seven points as Brixton opened the second period scoring, but at Tom Martin three followed by a Hernandez put-back got the visitors moving and five straight points from Adu gave them their first lead of the game at 31-28.

Some good defensive work held the hosts to just ten points in the period and a long jump shot from Cummings followed by Josey's second trey of the game sent Leopards into the locker room with a 39-32 lead.

Topcats opened the second half strongly with eight straight points to take the lead, but a mas-



LEADING THE WAY:
Taner Adu.

sive block from Rowell Graham led to a transition three from Adu as Leopards regained the initiative.

A Cummings and-one saw the Big Cats take a 50-44 with 3:30 on the clock, and Adu's score on the break sent them into the final break 54-49 ahead.

Cummings made it a seven point game with

the first score of the fourth period and back-to-back scores from Hernandez saw the visitors' lead stretched to nine.

Leopards' fitness showed in the final eight minutes as they put on a display of dunking on the break with Ishmael Fontaine, Graham, Cummings and Dan Dunscombe all slammed the ball home.

The lead never dipped in single figures again, and Josey effectively wrapped things up with another trey to put the visitors 81-63 ahead going into the final minute, and Hernandez also drained from long range to wrap up the scoring. Leopards return to action with a double-header in Yorkshire over the weekend.

Saturday night sees them looking for revenge against a Bradford Dragons team who defeated them 94-72 earlier in the season.

The Dragons were top of the league at that stage but have not slipped down to sixth place and suffered a shock 67-51 loss at Brixton on Sunday in a game scouted by coach Youngblood. Leopards then move on to Leeds Carnegie on Sunday where they will meet the newly crowned National Cup winners.

Carnegie are currently enjoying their most successful season in Division One, and are third in the table with an 8-4 record.

The Big Cats return to the Brentwood Centre on Sunday, February 10 when they host Team Northumbria, tip-off 4pm.

Fire youngsters keep up unbeaten winning streak

IT WAS another unbeaten match on Saturday for Berefords' Brentwood Fire Under 13s team as they triumphed 179-17 over the London Spartans to win their 13th consecutive win of the season.

Harvey Vickery led his team mates to a good start, scoring a strong 11 points and Ben Holland carried on the good work by getting two offensive rebounds and

one steal making sure the opponents kept their hands off the ball.

Pierce Maslen played a great game by helping claim the most assists enabling Fire to win the first quarter.

Fire maintained their good start through to the second quarter winning another 44 points with Ross Luckman scoring 12 points. Spartans tried to come back by

scoring 10 points but Fire were too strong.

The third quarter was full of exciting play. Sam Rowell helped Fire win 10 points with one offence rebound and a block. Maslen also helped by stealing the ball from the Spartans seven times.

Fire ensured their winning streak and made sure Spartans

did not score any points in the last quarter of the match.

Luke Harris earned the title of most valuable player as he helped steal and rebound the ball for his team-mates, while scoring 13 points.

Luckman scored the most points of the game which resulted with Fire winning by a triumphant 162 points.

Tomlin's late strike hands Blues victory

Southend United

GAVIN Tomlin's late goal at Chesterfield gave Southend United their first victory of 2013 on Saturday.

The striker struck in the 83rd minute to end the Blues' run of three straight league defeats and lifted them up into seventh in League Two, and the final play-off place.

However, it was a hard fought victory for the Shrimpers as they had to

soak up sustained periods of pressure from the Spireites.

Blues boss Paul Sturrock hopes the victory will kickstart their season.

He said: "That was a hard-working performance from us. It wasn't pretty but sometimes you have to go away from home and soak things up."

"We came to Chesterfield, who by all accounts had run over the top of Northampton here a couple of weeks ago, so when you think of that

then the boys have done well for us.

"We didn't play well but football is a strange game. We've played much better than this and lost this season so we will take this against a good side."

New signing from Dagenham & Redbridge, Michael Spillane, made his debut and the Blues could have taken an early lead, but Chesterfield keeper Tommy Lee kept out Tomlin's shot.

In a lacklustre first half, Marc

Richards rattled Southend's crossbar with a free-kick 25 yards out.

Chesterfield kept up the pressure and Blues were lucky not to go behind when a free-kick into their box was completely missed by Barry Corr, and Paul Smith was on hand to make the save.

Blues started to have more possession and broke the deadlock when Michael Timlin played through Tomlin who curled the ball past Lee and into the far corner.

Rugby Union

Barking brushed aside by Hartpury

BARKING suffered disappointment in National Two South as they lost 12-45 to Hartpury College on Saturday.

A poor first half performance put paid to any hopes Barking had to build on the victory against Chinnor in their previous fixture.

However, they found themselves 33-0 behind at the Goresbrook as Hartpury, who are at the sharp end of the division, took charge.

Two tries inside the first five minutes from James Head and Billy Burns put Hartpury ahead with Craig Jackson kicking one conversion for 12-0.

It was not even 10 minutes before Hartpury were 19-0 as Ian Clark went over the line, with Jackson kicking the extras.

Jackson added to the score with a try of his own on 20 minutes which he converted, and he kicked more points after George Mills touched the ball down after 25 minutes to make it 33-0, which it stayed until half-time.

Hartpury continued where they left off in the second half with Burns and Clark grabbing their second tries of the afternoon.

However, Barking finally picked themselves up and made a game of it, and got on the scoresheet just before the hour mark, Clifford Basson-Street going over, converted by Oliver Forrest.

Scott Shaw added another try on 64 minutes as Barking reduced the arrears to 12-45, but the result leaves them 16 points from safety.

In National Three London & South East, Westcliff boosted their relegation battle with a 19-38 victory over bottom side Staines.

Westcliff were 35-0 up by 50 minutes thanks to a dominant first half showing.

Hayden Whelan and Greg Bannister scored two tries each, and Ben McKeith with one of his own as Westcliff dominated the first 50 minutes before Staines fought back with three tries and two conversions.

However, McKeith was also on target with five conversions and one penalty as Westcliff ended a run of 10 straight defeats and now four points from safety.

With many fixtures falling victim to the weather, Eton Manor took advantage in London One North to beat Luton 30-7.

The victory helped Manor improve their chances of securing a play-off place as the win puts them six points clear of Letchworth Garden City who have a game in hand.

Only one game escaped the weather in London Three North East and there was nothing which could separate Upminster and Cantabrigian, who drew 24-24.

The result moved Upminster level on points with Wanstead and Norwich in second and third respectively, and four points behind leaders South Woodham Ferrers.

Essex One: Clacton 19-0 Bancroft, Maldon 31-0 Millwall.

Essex Two: Ilford Wanderers 17-24 Pegasus Palmerians, May & Baker 20-15 Stanford Le Hope.

City back on track while convincing wins for Canvey and Concord

Non League Football

CHELMSFORD City made it two wins on the bounce after beating Dorchester Town 4-0 in Blue Square South on Monday night.

Following their 2-1 victory at bottom side Truro City at the weekend, goals from Anthony Cook, new signing Omer Riza, Kyle Vassell and Justin Miller saw the Clarets romp to victory at the Melbourne Stadium.

The only negative came in the form of Jamie Slabber's off with the score at 3-0. City remain in fifth place.

AFC Hornchurch kept themselves clear of the

relegation zone with a 1-1 draw at home with Tonbridge Angels on Saturday.

Frannie Collins opened the scoring for Angels on 63 minutes but Lewis Smith (74) earned a point for the Urchins.

Billericay Town's match at home with Sutton United was called off due to a waterlogged pitch. In Ryman League Premier, Canvey Island moved into third place with a 3-0 home win over struggling Harrow Borough.

The Gulls scored three times in the last 25 minutes through Bradley Woods-Garness, Rob King and Jay Curran.

Only one goal separates Canvey and near

neighbours Concord Rangers, although the latter have two games in hand.

They won 4-0 at Bury Town with Harry Elmes firing in a hat-trick and Jason Hallett also getting on the scoresheet.

The match ended on a sour note as Bury's John Kennedy and Luke Ingram, plus Concord's Steve King saw red.

East Thurrock and Thurrock's matches at Margate and Hendon respectively were called off.

Two goals by Jacob Cleaver stunned Ryman North leaders Maldon & Tiptree as Redbridge fought back to draw 2-2.

Lee Boylan opened his account for Maldon in

the 62nd minute and James Robinson scored against his old club with 15 minutes to go.

But the struggling Motormen had other ideas as Cleaver scored the double with five minutes remaining to lift them up to 20th place.

Fourth placed Aveley won 3-1 over relegation battlers Ware.

Jordan Cox put Millers ahead after 19 minutes with a header, and a deflected shot by Rashid Kamara doubled the lead before the break.

Cox grabbed his second and Aveley's third in the 54th minute, and Ware had Mark Standen sent off before Tim Shaw scored their consolation late on.

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How: We focussed Ultrasonic Liposuction on Leslie's inner thigh and stomach once a week (1 session on each area) for 6 weeks. After her 1st session Leslie ate take away food on 4 of the evenings, as well as drinking several pints of beer most nights. This resulted in slow progress. However, after only losing $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in week 1, Leslie decided to drink a little more moderately, ate more balanced meals and as a result she then lost 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches between her 2nd & 3rd treatments. Leslie then resolved to adjust her lifestyle, she started eating & drinking in moderation, while making an effort to be more active generally. Leslie went on to lose 16 inches in total over her course which took in 12 sessions each on her stomach & inner thighs.

Why was Ultrasonic Liposuction Needed: Leslie has a demanding job as a director of an engineering firm, this lead to Leslie having a poor diet of take away food & beer, with little activity in her daily life due to a lack of time. Leslie arrived for her 1st session as a size 16, standing at 5' 6" tall

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